

Philadelphia sisters and Brother Koontz' two eldest daughters from Conemaugh were there. But it was the number of older brethren and sisters that especially impressed me and humanly speaking this ought always mean stability for any church. Among these were Brother Koontz' aged father and also I. D. Bowman's. The latter, John Bowman gave the first of the five theological pledges received at Mt. Olive. Their Sisters' Christian Endeavor, once organized had drifted into a Ladies' Aid Society. But after presenting the claims of the general work, followed by a short but touching appeal from Sister Hedrick, a number became very desirous to again enlist. In the absence of some of the sisters, we were under some disadvantage in taking definite action in reorganizing; but at the close of the evening service the majority voted to adopt the S. S. C. E. Sister Hedrick will probably preach for them occasionally and we trust to her zeal to keep them encouraged in the work. Many pleasant acquaintances were made and it was a most enjoyable day, but for the return home at one o'clock at night to find that Arda had been crying for her mother most of the time after it had grown dark. So we may possibly excuse her from pulpit work but we are not willing to excuse her from contributing to these columns.

On Tuesday I left my Dayton home to return thru the valley, having decided not to visit Roanoke. After two nights at Arkton church, near New Market, an S. S. C. E. was organized with eleven members, tho the church has a membership of seventy. It is a young church in many ways. They have been organized about three years. Brother Shaver first had the work in charge but Brother Hall now preaches there.

The next two nights I met with the remains of Liberty church near Quicksburg. Emigration has exceeded immigration. The leaders among the sisters have moved away and no one to take their place. Brother Wine on the way home last night spoke of the time when a good work could have been done to make it a strong church if the labors of brethren Koontz, Bowman and Shaver would have been kept in the valley. The same pressing need is being felt in many other Brethren churches today; but they are being neglected for the want of ministers. Where shall we look for new workers but to the Bible department of the college. Fellow-workers in the S. S. C. E., will you not with me make a special effort to increase our theological fund, that more young men may be influenced to take this course and prepare for ministerial work. I wish the secretary of every local society would make a special effort to get pledges for this fund. Send to Mrs. Augustine for the blank cards.

The following is a report of the financial part of the week's work: Dayton collection, \$4 00; theological pledges, five. Mt. Olive collection, \$3.76; pledges also five, beside the one dollar free-will offering from Brother Rippeto. Arkton collection, \$1.57,

Liberty collection, \$1.13. I am glad to close the report with a hundred-dollar endowment for the college from brother Samuel Wine of the Liberty church. May the Lord reward him and restore him to health and strength again. The team is waiting to take me to the Fort and I must abruptly close.

VIANNA DETWILER.

Quicksburg, Va.

Treasurer's Report of the S. S. C. E., for the Month of May

THEOLOGICAL FUND

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| Reported, | \$52 25 |
| Fair View, Ind., S. S. C. E., on pledge, | 1 50 |
| Mrs. Caroline Flickinger, | 1 00 |
| Peter Neff, in full, | 4 00 |
| David Augustine, in full, | 3 00 |
| Alvin E. Augustine, " | 2 50 |
| To Treasurer of Ashland College, | \$63 25 |

HOME MISSIONS

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| Reported, | \$113 20 |
| To Treasurer of H. M. Board, | 10 00 |

Balance, \$103 20

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND

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| Reported, | \$134 11 |
| Withdrawn for Holsinger fund, | 10 00 |
| " Nicholson fund, | 5 00 |
| Balance, | \$119 11 |

HOLSINGER FUND

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| From S. M. fund, | \$10 00 |
| To Brother Holsinger, | \$10 00 |

NICHOLSON FUND

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| From S. M. F., | \$5 00 |
| To Brother Nicholson, | \$5 00 |

ALICE E. AUGUSTINE.

R. R. 3., South Bend, Ind.

Christian Life

The Life Below Its Best

JAMES BUCKHAM

I sometimes wonder if we think, or care,
How courage fails the hearts we hold most dear,
How they their burdens less serenely bear
Because we live our lives too meanly here?

They have such noble thoughts of us; and we,
Alas! pursue our ways of weak content
With trivial things, nor ever seem to see,
As they, the grander, finer thing God meant.

What subtle heartaches steal their joy away,
And cloud the hopes that make men brave to do,
Just thru that disappointed love, that may
Not take fresh heart o'er best of me and you!

Ah! not alone our own poor lives we cheat
Of higher things, of what we might have been,
But with indifference we clog the feet
Of those who else might peak still higher win.

Think, selfish one, of this, when ease entreats,
Or pleasure, to a life of common dress—
How every yearning human heart that beats
For you shares somewhat of your greater loss.

—Christian Advocate.

Unhoped-for Results

Word and Work.

Do your duty and leave the result with God. A teacher had grown almost discouraged trying to instruct two bad boys in his mission class. He laid his hand lovingly on the head of each, and said, with some emo-

tion, "Jesus died to save your soul, and unless he saves you, you are lost forever." Soon the boys drifted away from him. His labor seemed all in vain. Years afterward, on his way to a S. S. Convention, a gentleman introduced himself as one of those bad boys saved thru that earnest word.

At the convention a speaker told how he owed his conversion to the single sentence of a faithful teacher. And that sentence had been, "Jesus died to save your soul, and unless he saves you, you are lost forever." And the teacher looked into the earnest face of him who had been the bad boy of his class, bowed his head, and wept tears of joy. Ah, it is true, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

The Kingdom Within

Thomas a Kempis.

"The kingdom of God is within you," saith the Lord. Turn thee with thy whole heart unto the Lord, and forsake this world, and thy soul shall find rest.

Learn to give thyself to things inward, and thou shalt perceive the kingdom of God to be come in thee.

"For the kingdom of God is peace and joy in the Holy Ghost," which is not given to the unholy.

Christ will come unto thee and show thee His own consolation, if thou prepare for Him a worthy mansion within thee.

He is all glorious and beautiful within, and there shall He have pleasure.

The inward man He often visiteth; and hath with him sweet discourses, pleasant solace, much peace, familiarity exceeding wonderful.

O faithful soul, make ready thy heart for this Bridegroom, that He may vouchsafe to come unto thee and to dwell within thee.

For thus saith He: "If any love Me, he will keep My words, and we will come unto him, and will make our abode with him."

When thou hast Christ thou art rich and hast enough.

He will be thy faithful and provident helper in all things, so as thou shalt not need to trust in men.

Working With God

The Watchman.

How we run neck and neck and get overstrained! Neuralgia, paralysis, and consumption await selfish aspirants who burn the midnight oil when they should be asleep. They die at forty or fifty, and we say they have been working too hard! Indeed they have, hindering God's work in and thru them, and never opening that humility which is his only door.

Delicious awe before the highest is worth all the discoveries of cotton gin, mill turbine, patent reaper, and field fertilizer, purely as an economic force. The Romans reared massive aqueducts, filling valleys and